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APPARATUS AND METHOD

REPLY TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in reply to the Patent Office communication mailed on August 22, 2006. This Reply replaces the Reply to Election/Restriction Requirement filed on June 5, 2006 in response to the Election Requirement mailed on May 4, 2006, as requested by the August 22 Patent Office Communication. More specifically, as requested by the Examiner, the words "at least" have been deleted from the listing of claims which read on the elected Species.

Applicant elects Species A, Figures 2-6, with traverse for further prosecution on the merits. It is respectfully submitted that claims 20, 21, 23 and 25-36 read on species A, with claims 20, 23 and 25-27 being generic.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the designated inventions is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the designated

inventions would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining designated inventions. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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